

From: Laura Rigas
To: [Swift, Heather](#)
Cc: [Jorjani, Daniel](#); [Magallanes, Downey](#); [John Tanner](#)
Subject: Re: Request for Comment - Bears Ears FOIA docs
Date: Thursday, March 01, 2018 3:24:16 PM

Good here. Thx all.

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On Mar 1, 2018, at 3:05 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I like Aaron's proposal. I'd also add some color about SITLA's main concern with the department is making sure children have an adequate education.

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On Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 2:59 PM, Jorjani, Daniel <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

(b) (5) ACP [REDACTED]. Defer to Downey on the final phrasing.

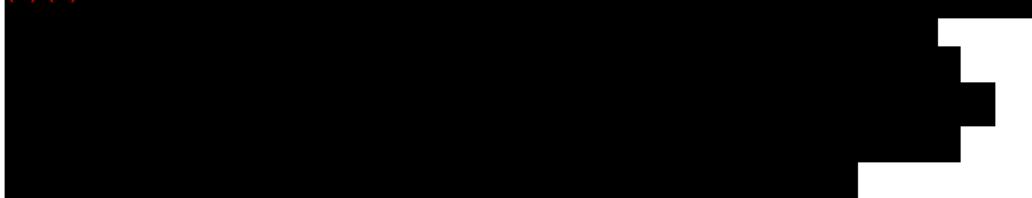
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From: Moody, Aaron <aaron.moody@sol.doi.gov>
Date: Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 2:45 PM
Subject: Re: Request for Comment - Bears Ears FOIA docs
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On Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 12:54 PM, Jorjani, Daniel <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

Thoughts?

On Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 12:51 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: Friedman, Lisa <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 12:47 PM
Subject: Request for Comment - Bears Ears FOIA docs
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Hi, Heather. As you know, Interior released a number of emails and other documents recently under FOIA related to the Bears Ears decision.

Included in the documents is an email from Senator Hatch's office on March 15 with a proposed map from SITLA outlining their preferred boundaries of the southeastern portion of Bears Ears. The email indicates the proposed boundary "would resolve all known mineral issues for SITLA within the Bears Ears."

Those boundaries are almost exactly what was later announced by the Interior Department. Other emails show a number of questions about the uranium mine on the Bears Ears site.

It appears that Mr. Hatch's office delivered the new boundaries of Bears Ears to DOI well before even the review was formally announced, and that

minerals were at the forefront of the decision. Is that accurate? If not, why not?

An emailed comment is fine too but obviously I'd prefer to speak to someone to understand the decision-making.

Thanks very much, my deadline is 4:30 p.m.

Best,
Lisa

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